

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim 8 has been amended to replace “;” with ---.

No new matter has been added, and thus entry of the Amendment is respectfully submitted to be proper. Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-15 will be all the claims pending in the application.

In Paragraph No. 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Nishiyama et al (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0012866).

Applicants herewith submit a verified English translation of the priority document, i.e., JP 2000-137461 to thereby perfect their claim for foreign priority. Support for the present claims in JP ‘461 is summarized below.

Present Claim	Support in JP ‘461
1	Claims 1 and 3
2	Claim 2
4	Claim 4
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE ON NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.121
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Accordingly, Nishiyama et al has been antedated and removed as prior art against the present claims, and thus the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

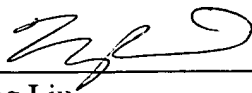
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